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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

RE: **Preliminary Lease Sale List - Request for Comments
September 1, 2015 Oil and Gas Lease Sale**

The Department has received nominations for the September 1, 2015 Oil and Gas Lease Sale, and is requesting comments. The only action proposed at this time is the issuance of leases for possible future exploration and production of oil and gas. Before actual activity on a state lease may occur, the Department will prepare an environmental review of the proposed activity. The Board of Oil and Gas Conservation also must review and issue a permit before any actual activity can occur.

The enclosed Preliminary Lease Sale list summarizes the tracts nominated for lease. The list sorts the tracts by county, and then by legal location within the county (i.e. township, range and section). A reference map is also included. The general areas where tracts are located are identified by numbered circles, which corresponds to the map location numbers for each county on the Preliminary Lease Sale list. The final lease sale list may not include all tracts currently listed, but no tracts will be added. Lease sale tract numbers will be assigned when the final list is prepared. The final list will be distributed on or about August 10, 2015 and will also include a listing of any additional stipulations.

If you have any comments regarding the tracts on the Preliminary Lease Sale List, please submit them in writing by **July 24, 2015** to "O&G Lease Sale Comments, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, P.O. Box 201601, Helena, Montana 59620-1601."

Lease sale lists, dates, and important deadlines are also available on our website --
<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/minerals-management/oil-and-gas-leasing-information>

If you would like your name added to our mailing list to automatically receive future information related to our oil and gas lease sales, please let us know at the above address or contact the Mineral Leasing Section at jmason2@mt.gov or (406) 444-4576.

Sincerely,
MINERAL LEASING SECTION

Enclosure(s)

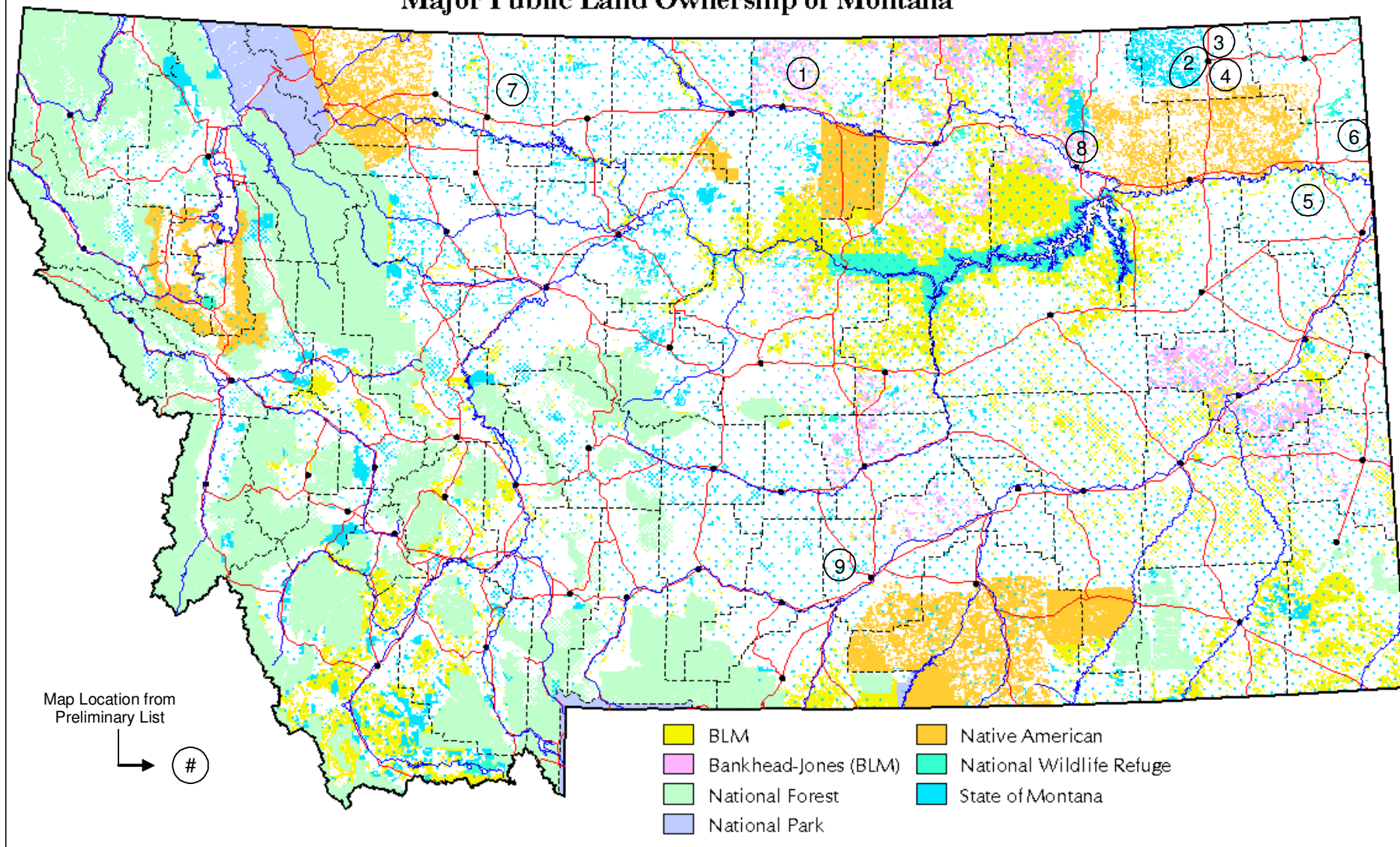
State of Montana
Oil & Gas Lease Sale - September 1, 2015
Preliminary Sale List

	App #	Map Location	Twp	Rng	Sec	Description		Acres
Blaine		1						
	5022		35.N	20.E	36	All, below the base of the Eagle formation	*	640.00
	5023		36.N	20.E	36	All		640.00
Daniels		2, 3, 4						
	5002		34.N	46.E	26	E2W2, E2		480.00
	5003		34.N	46.E	36	All		640.00
	5004		34.N	47.E	7	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, SE4, E2SW4		407.84
	5005		34.N	47.E	8	N2NE4, SW4NE4, SW4		280.00
	5006		34.N	47.E	12	S2SE4, SW4		240.00
	5007		34.N	47.E	15	NW4, SE4NE4, SE4, S2SW4		440.00
	5008		34.N	47.E	16	All		640.00
	5009		34.N	47.E	18	Lots 1, 2, E2NW4		164.22
	5010		34.N	49.E	16	All	*	640.00
	5011		35.N	46.E	32	E2		320.00
	5012		35.N	47.E	13	SE4		160.00
	5013		35.N	47.E	25	N2, SE4	*	480.00
	5014		35.N	47.E	31	SE4		160.00
	5015		35.N	48.E	16	All		640.00
	5016		36.N	47.E	14	N2SW4, SW4SW4	*	120.00
	5017		36.N	47.E	19	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E2W2, E2	*	642.64
	5018		37.N	48.E	16	N2	*	320.00
Richland		5						
	5025		25.N	55.E	12	NW4NW4, S2NW4, SW4		280.00
Roosevelt		6						
	5026		30.N	59.E	16	Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, W2		526.24
Toole		7						
	5024		34.N	1.W	36	N2NE4, N2SE4NW4, S2S2, NW4SW4, E2NE4SW4		320.00
Valley		8						
	5019		29.N	39.E	16	All		640.00
	5020		29.N	39.E	20	NW4, N2SW4		240.00
	5021		30.N	40.E	36	All		640.00
Yellowstone		9						
	5001		2.N	23.E	36	All		640.00

* Part or all of tract is not state-owned surface

Total Tracts	26
Total Acres	11,340.94

Major Public Land Ownership of Montana



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Areas where tracts are proposed for lease are noted with a large number corresponding to the map location number on the preliminary lease sale list.

Please visit our website for detailed maps and additional lease sale information.

<http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/trust/minerals-management/oil-and-gas-leasing-information>